(c) STD/PCO allotment committees in all the SSAs of Punjab have been recently reconstituted. The pending applications will be cleared progressively and wide publicity will be given through press for calling more applications for STD/ISD/PCOs.

Waiting list of Telephones in Kanyakumari

2583. SHRI N. THALAVAI SUNDARAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the waiting list as on 1st March, 1997 of the General Category subscribes/applications in the district of Kanyakumari in Tamil Nadu;

(b) the details of telephone connections provided during the nine months of the current financial year 1996-97; and

(c) the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA): (a) Waiting list in the Revenue District of Kanyakumari in Non OYT-General Category is 14,199.

(b) A total number of 1109 telephone connections have been provided during the nine months of the current financial year.

(c) It is proposed to provide about 28000 lines of equipment by expansion of existing exchanges and installation of new exchanges by March 1998.

Telephone Exchanges in Kanyakumari

2584. SHRI N. THALAVAI SUNDARAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Telephone Exchanges functioning in the Kanyakumari district;

(b) the capacity of each of these Exchanges;

(c) whether Government propose to increase their capacity and undertake modernisation thereof; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA): (a) As on 28.2.1997, 28 telephone exchanges are functioning in Kanyakumari District.

(b) The capacity of each of these exchanges is given in Annexure I.

(c) yes, Sir.

(d) Out of 28 telephone exchanges functioning in Kanyakumari District, 27 exchanges are electronic (modernised) and one exchange at Nagercoil is electromechanical. The electromechanical exchange at Nagercoil has been planned for conversion into electronic exchange during 1997-98. The details of expansions carried out during 1996-97 (as on 28.2.1997) and further expansion programme planned during 1.3.1997 to 31.3.1997 and 1997-98 are given in statement.

Statement

List of telephone exchanges functioning in Kanyakumari alongwith their capacity, working lines, expansion carried out during 1996-97 (upto 28.2.1997), expansion planned from 1.3.1997 to 31.3.1997 and during 1997-98.

Sl. No.	Name of Exchange	Equipped capacity	Working lines	Exapnsions during 96-97 upto 28.2.97	Expansion planned from 1.3.97 to 31.3.97	Expansion planned during 1997-98
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Aloor	376	359	C-DOT 256 Port RAX is added	—	—

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
2.	Arnboly	384	381	—	—	C-Dot SBM 1000 lines
3.	Arumanai	368	339	—	—	C-Dot SBM 1000 lines
4.	Azhagappapuram	376	371	—	—	C-Dot SBM 1000 lines
5.	Boothapondi	624	611	2 Nos. of C-Dot 256 Port RAX are added	—	C-Dot SBM 1000 lines
6.	Cheruvallur	184	176	—	—	—
7.	Colachel	808	781	C-Dot 256 Port RAX is added	SBM Expansion to 1000 lines	—
8.	Ethamozhi	632	615	C-Dot 256 Port RAX is added	SBM expansion to 1000 lines	—
9.	Kanya Kumari	1400	964	Expansion from 1000 to 1400 lines	—	—
10.	Karingal	608	484	C-Dot 256 Port RAX is added	SBM expansion to 1000 lines	—
11.	Kattathurai	368	350	C-Dot 256 Port RAX is added	—	C-Dot SBM 1000 lines
12.	Keeriparai	88	54	—	—	—
13.	Kollencode	368	358	—	—	C-Dot SBM 1000 lines
14.	Kulasekaram	1264	1239	C-Dot 256 Port RAX is added	—	C-Dot SBM 1000 lines
15.	Kuzhithurai	1000	916	—	C-Dot SBM 1000 lines	C-Dot MAX-I 3000 lines
16.	Lower Kodayar	56	52	—	—	—
17.	Manakkavillai	376	362	—	—	C-Dot SBM 1000 lines
18.	Marthandam	1824	1748	C-Dot SBM 424 lines	—	—
19.	Muttom	1160	1081	C-Dot SBM 1000 lines	—	—
20.	Nagercoil-I	5400	5269	—	—	C-Dot MAX XL 10000 lines
21.	Nagercoil-II	3750	3679	—	C-Dot 500 lines	—
22.	Neyyor	584	579	—	—	C-Dot SBM 1000 lines
23.	Painkulam	424	415	—	C-Dot SBM 1000 lines	—
24.	Ramapuram	376	363	—	—	C-Dot SBM 1000 lines
25.	Swamithoppu	376	171	—	—	C-Dot SBM 1000 lines
26.	Thadikarankonam	160	151	—	—	—
27.	Thengamputhur	376	369	—	—	C-Dot SBM 1000 lines
28.	Thuckalay	1000	971	—	C-Dot SBM 1000 lines	—